

# Global Initiative Southeast Asia

QUARTERLY UPDATES FROM THE REGION

OCT 2019

## Upcoming Oil Spill Preparedness Activities

11th Biennial International  
Chemical and Oil Pollution  
Conference and Exhibition  
(ICOPCE) in Singapore, 22-  
23 Oct 2019

ChemSpill Exercise in  
Singapore, 24 Oct 2019

2nd Maritime Conference in  
Myanmar, 6-7 Nov 2019

National Workshop in Viet  
Nam, 26-29 Nov 2019

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## Highlights from Quarter 3

*Q3 2019 was exceptionally busy for GISEA. The national, sub-regional, and regional activities delivered with the support of the IMO, through the **Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP)**, testify the commitment by the Project to support capacity building in oil spill preparedness across the ASEAN region.*

### National Workshop in Cambodia

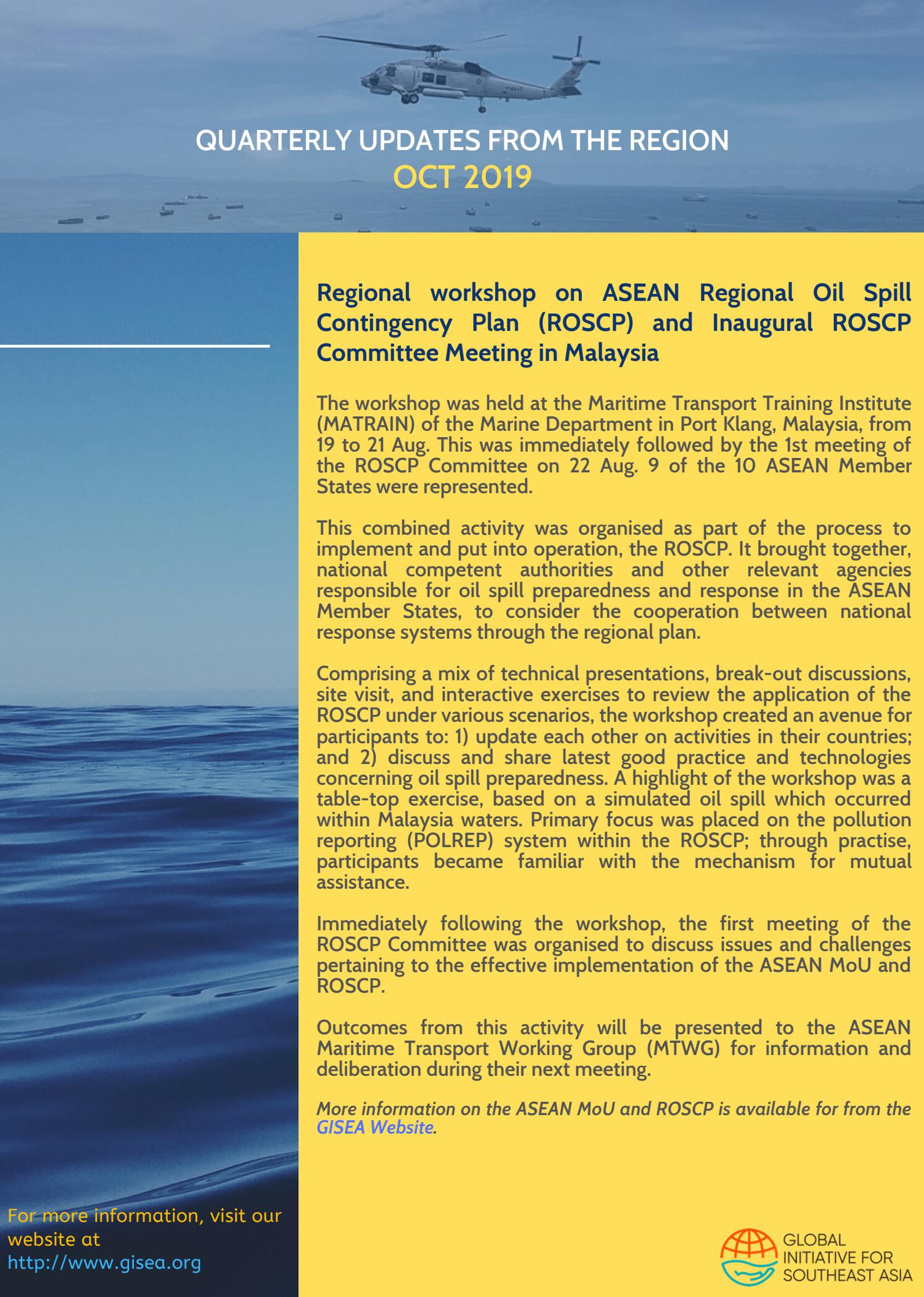
GISEA supported the Merchant Marine Department in the conduct of a national workshop on contingency planning, between 6 and 9 Aug. It brought together, key stakeholders from some 20 government agencies and the industry to discuss a spectrum of strategic and operational issues on oil spill preparedness and response.

The activity spanned 4 days, with the first 3 focused on technical training, and the last, dedicated to a dialogue session between stakeholders; the engagement serves to enable an action plan to finalise and implement relevant instruments to guide the development of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan.

### Workshop on Environmental Sensitivity Mapping in Myanmar

A workshop on environmental sensitivity mapping was organised the Department of Marine Administration (DMA) to bring together, relevant stakeholders to discuss its application, in relation to oil pollution. This is identified as a priority in the implementation of the National Contingency Plan for Marine Pollution (NCP).

The 2-day event, held in Yangon on 14 and 15 Aug, saw active participation from government agencies, academia, international NGOs, and the industry. At the invite of DMA, GISEA shared the good practice guide on '**Sensitivity mapping for oil spill response**', and highlighted key features and operational considerations.



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### Regional workshop on ASEAN Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan (ROSCP) and Inaugural ROSCP Committee Meeting in Malaysia

The workshop was held at the Maritime Transport Training Institute (MATRAIN) of the Marine Department in Port Klang, Malaysia, from 19 to 21 Aug. This was immediately followed by the 1st meeting of the ROSCP Committee on 22 Aug. 9 of the 10 ASEAN Member States were represented.

This combined activity was organised as part of the process to implement and put into operation, the ROSCP. It brought together, national competent authorities and other relevant agencies responsible for oil spill preparedness and response in the ASEAN Member States, to consider the cooperation between national response systems through the regional plan.

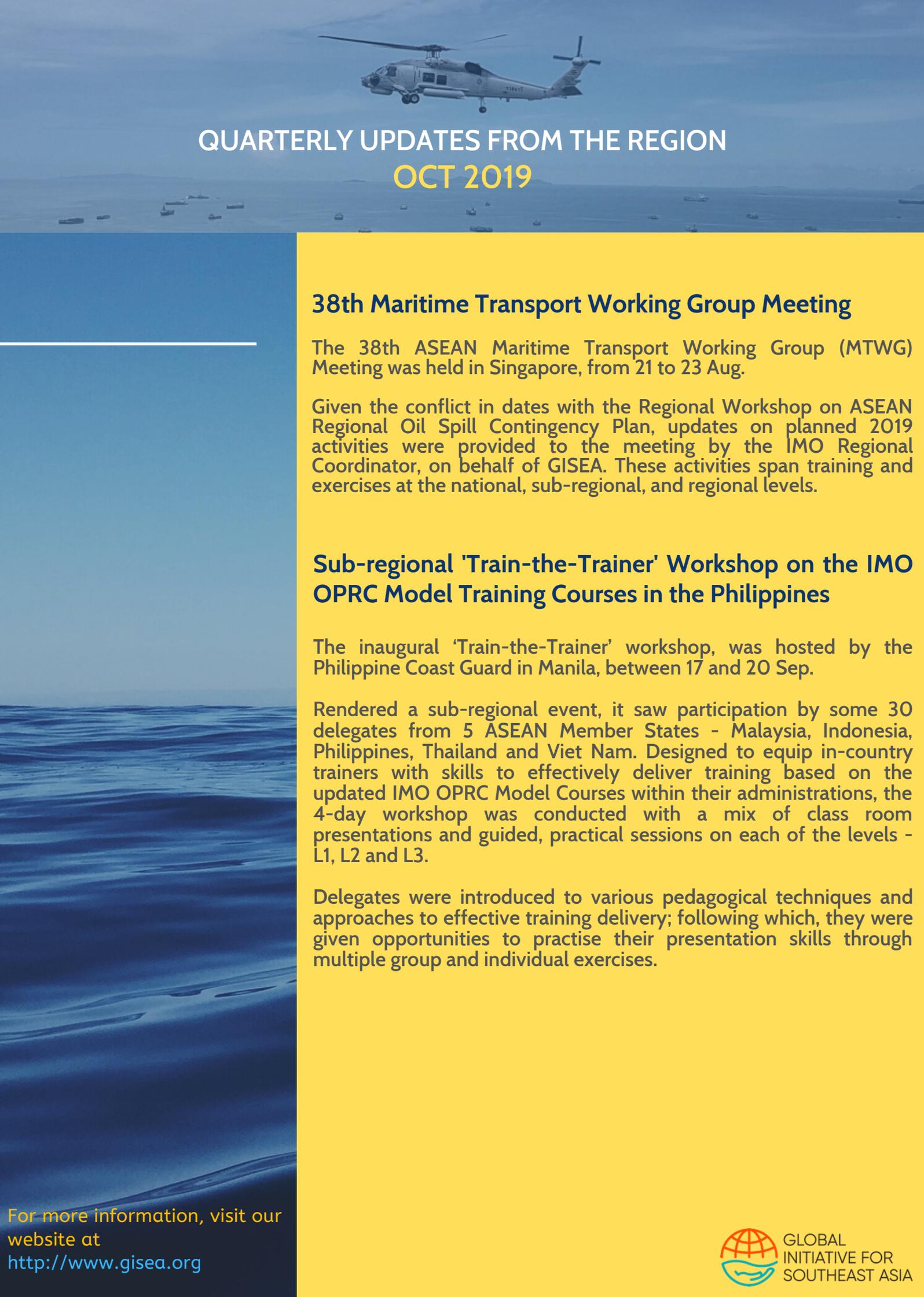
Comprising a mix of technical presentations, break-out discussions, site visit, and interactive exercises to review the application of the ROSCP under various scenarios, the workshop created an avenue for participants to: 1) update each other on activities in their countries; and 2) discuss and share latest good practice and technologies concerning oil spill preparedness. A highlight of the workshop was a table-top exercise, based on a simulated oil spill which occurred within Malaysia waters. Primary focus was placed on the pollution reporting (POLREP) system within the ROSCP; through practise, participants became familiar with the mechanism for mutual assistance.

Immediately following the workshop, the first meeting of the ROSCP Committee was organised to discuss issues and challenges pertaining to the effective implementation of the ASEAN MoU and ROSCP.

Outcomes from this activity will be presented to the ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) for information and deliberation during their next meeting.

*More information on the ASEAN MoU and ROSCP is available for from the [GISEA Website](http://www.gisea.org).*

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### **38th Maritime Transport Working Group Meeting**

The 38th ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting was held in Singapore, from 21 to 23 Aug.

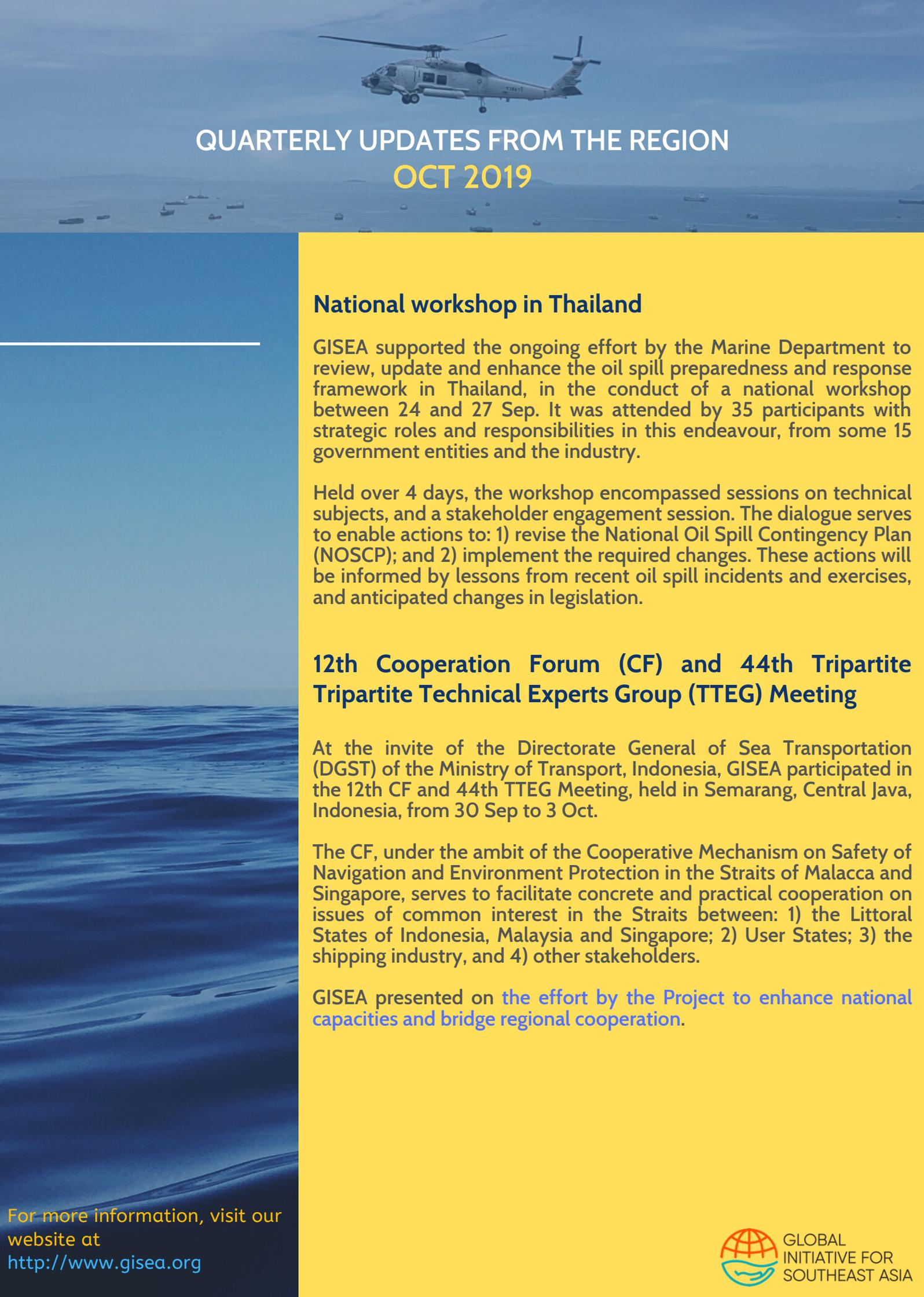
Given the conflict in dates with the Regional Workshop on ASEAN Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan, updates on planned 2019 activities were provided to the meeting by the IMO Regional Coordinator, on behalf of GISEA. These activities span training and exercises at the national, sub-regional, and regional levels.

### **Sub-regional 'Train-the-Trainer' Workshop on the IMO OPRC Model Training Courses in the Philippines**

The inaugural 'Train-the-Trainer' workshop, was hosted by the Philippine Coast Guard in Manila, between 17 and 20 Sep.

Rendered a sub-regional event, it saw participation by some 30 delegates from 5 ASEAN Member States - Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam. Designed to equip in-country trainers with skills to effectively deliver training based on the updated IMO OPRC Model Courses within their administrations, the 4-day workshop was conducted with a mix of class room presentations and guided, practical sessions on each of the levels - L1, L2 and L3.

Delegates were introduced to various pedagogical techniques and approaches to effective training delivery; following which, they were given opportunities to practise their presentation skills through multiple group and individual exercises.



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### National workshop in Thailand

GISEA supported the ongoing effort by the Marine Department to review, update and enhance the oil spill preparedness and response framework in Thailand, in the conduct of a national workshop between 24 and 27 Sep. It was attended by 35 participants with strategic roles and responsibilities in this endeavour, from some 15 government entities and the industry.

Held over 4 days, the workshop encompassed sessions on technical subjects, and a stakeholder engagement session. The dialogue serves to enable actions to: 1) revise the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP); and 2) implement the required changes. These actions will be informed by lessons from recent oil spill incidents and exercises, and anticipated changes in legislation.

### 12th Cooperation Forum (CF) and 44th Tripartite Tripartite Technical Experts Group (TTEG) Meeting

At the invite of the Directorate General of Sea Transportation (DGST) of the Ministry of Transport, Indonesia, GISEA participated in the 12th CF and 44th TTEG Meeting, held in Semarang, Central Java, Indonesia, from 30 Sep to 3 Oct.

The CF, under the ambit of the Cooperative Mechanism on Safety of Navigation and Environment Protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, serves to facilitate concrete and practical cooperation on issues of common interest in the Straits between: 1) the Littoral States of Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore; 2) User States; 3) the shipping industry, and 4) other stakeholders.

GISEA presented on the effort by the Project to enhance national capacities and bridge regional cooperation.